BOOK DEPOSITORY EMPLOYEES

Statements of Witnesses - Billy Nolan LOVELADY
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He is a stockman at the Texas School Book Depository where he has worked since December 1961 at 411 Elm, the Depository Building itself. (p.336) He was putting down floor on the sixth floor.

He also talked to Oswald about Oswald's baby. According to Lovelady, Oswald ate only 2 or 3 times in the domino room, or the lunchroom. Leaving the sixth floor on the 22nd to go wash for lunch, he and some of the other employees raced down onthe elevator. His story of what Oswald said on this occasion is different from that given by the Negroes: "Yes; he was on the opposite side of the elevator I was on. I heard him holler to one of the boys to stop, he wanted the elevator. They said, 'No; we're going down to lunch,' and closed the gate I was on and come down and got ready to watch the President come by or got ready to go to lunch, and that's the last I heard of him."

Note two things: First, Oswald asked the boys to stop because he wanted the elevator, and second, that the boys closed the gate. This indicates clearly that Oswald was on the same floor. (p.337) Lovelady then says while he didn't see him, he could hear him and he was in back of the east elevator. He never saw Oswald again that day.

He went to the domino room to eat lunch, where he usually did, and "nobody was there and I happened to look on the outside and Mr. Shelley was standing outside with Miss Sarah Stanton ..." so he went outside and had his lunch on the steps. Asked the direction of the sound of the shots, he said, "Right there around that concrete little deal on that knoll." This was a reference to what others had called the arcade. It is to the west of the building. He repeated this, and when Ball tried to get him to say "from the underpass area?" he corrected Ball to say, "Between the underpass and the building right on

that knoll." (p.338)

Ball then shows him the photograph taken of him on the steps, in this case marked Exhibit 369, and directs him to mark on the photograph where he was standing. (p.338) He estimated the distance to the first track at between 75 and 100 yards. (p.339)

Lovelady says that he entered the building in the loading dock area from the west side. Ball has tried in this exchange to say it would be the north side. Lovelady is specific in saying it was "Through that, those raised-up doors." (p.340)

Lawry, the significance of o this is that earlier I pointed out there were not one but five back doors through which people might come and go. Four are overhead loading-dock type doors. Lovelady's testimony shows that they were open, unguarded and in use. See also testimony of Sgt. Harkness - not covered completely; not covered until late.

He and other employees congregated on the first floor, and he estimated that about 30 minutes later a policeman asked him to take him to the sixth floor and that Lovelady did.

Larry, the significance of the identification of the picture is this: The picture had been printed rather widely in an indistinct enlargement in which it was alleged Lovelady was Oswald.